EC/Israel agreement: scientific and technical cooperation agreement

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OBJECTIVE: conclusion of an EC/Israel Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation providing for the participation of Israeli research entities in the specific programmes adopted under the Fourth Framework Programme and, on a reciprocal basis, the participation of Community research entities in Israeli research programmes. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision (EC) 96/505 concluding the Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel. SUBSTANCE: This Agreement should enable Israel and the Community to derive mutual benefit from the scientific and technical progress achieved through their reciprocal research programmes, with participation by the Israeli scientific community and industry in Community research programmes and independent and non-subsidized participation in Israeli research activity by bodies established in the Community. . Beneficiaries in the EU and Israel will be the scientific communities, industry and the population generally, thanks to the direct and indirect impact of cooperation. . Provision is made for the protection of intellectual property and the dissemination and use of information derived from the research projects. . The duration of the Agreement corresponds to the duration of the Fourth Framework Programme (i.e. three years, from 1996). A clause is, however, included to permit one or other party (or the two) to terminate the Agreement upon 12 months' notice. . An EC-Israel joint research committee is established to manage the activities envisaged by the Agreement. At the same time, Israel is invited to participate in the various committees managing the specific programmes under the Fourth Framework Programme. . The Agreement is financed, on the Community side, from the EC budget covering the Fourth Framework Programme. Israel's contribution to the budget of the Fourth Framework Programme will be made in proportion to its GNP compared to the Union and in proportion to the funding of the various specific programmes under the Fourth Framework Programme. ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Agreement enters into force on the date on which the parties notify each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose.